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LCO No. 339



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING RIGHTS FOR FACULTY MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education that shall
5 serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical
6 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter
7 Oak State College. The board shall consist of [twenty-one] twenty-two
8 members who shall be distinguished leaders of the community in
9 Connecticut. The board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and
10 ethnic diversity. The voting members shall not be employed by or be a
11 member of a board of trustees for any independent institution of higher
12 education in this state or the Board of Trustees for The University of
13 Connecticut nor shall they be public officials or state employees, as such
14 terms are defined in section 1-79, during their term of membership on

15 the Board of Regents for Higher Education, except the chairperson and
 16 vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee established under
 17 section 10a-3a, as amended by this act, who serve as members of the
 18 Board of Regents for Higher Education, may be employees of the
 19 Connecticut State University System or a regional community-technical
 20 college. The Governor shall appoint nine members to the board as
 21 follows: Three members for a term of two years; three members for a
 22 term of four years; and three members for a term of six years. Thereafter,
 23 the Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed such
 24 appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall
 25 hold office for a period of six years from the first day of July in the year
 26 of his or her appointment. Four members of the board shall be
 27 appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore of
 28 the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-
 29 technical college system, for a term of four years; one appointment by
 30 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a specialist in the
 31 education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, for a
 32 term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of the House of
 33 Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the Connecticut State
 34 University System, for a term of four years; and one appointment by the
 35 minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an
 36 alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of three years.
 37 Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint
 38 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire
 39 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four
 40 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment. The
 41 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student advisory committee
 42 created under section 10a-3 shall serve as members of the board. The
 43 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee
 44 [created under section 10a-3a] shall serve as [ex-officio, nonvoting]
 45 members of the board for a term of two years. [and, in their respective
 46 roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, may be invited to any
 47 executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the board by the
 48 chairperson of the board.] The Commissioners of Education, Economic
 49 and Community Development and Public Health, the Labor

50 Commissioner and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-officio,
51 nonvoting members of the board.

52 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-3a of the general statutes is
53 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
54 *2022*):

55 (d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
56 section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for
57 Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and
58 shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of
59 matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of
60 Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall
61 be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher
62 Education and the committee members shall have the right to
63 participate in all discussions and deliberations, but committee members
64 other than the chairperson and vice-chairperson shall not have the right
65 to vote at such meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10a-1a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10a-3a(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To change the role of the faculty members on the Board of Regents for Higher Education from nonvoting members to voting members.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]